Memo

From: Jose Ramos-Horta (FRETILIN)
To: All solidarity groups.

Subject: Meeting on East Timor of the Committee of 24

1. As I confirmed in my previous memo, the session on East Timor will be held on August 15 (Friday). This session might be extended for a day or two, depending on the number of speakers.

2. The Five Lusophone African Missions to the UN will co-host a reception on August 15, between 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. in honour of the participants in the Committee of 24 session on East Timor. The reception will be held at the 2nd floor, 777 UN Plaza (Corner of First Av. and 44th St.), right across from the UN Secretariat building.

3. Some useful info for those not familiar with NYC:

   - Upon your arrival at JFK, you may chose to take the bus to the city. One way fare is $8. The bus terminal is at 42nd St. and Park Av., next to Grand Central Station.

   - A taxi fare between JFK and mid town Manhattan should be around $25.

   - Tips are a sacrossant institution in this country and should be 10 to 15 per cent of the total expense.

   - You might need a budget of $20 p.d. for food and beverage.

   - YMCAs and YWCAs offer reasonable prices per night. They do not take reservation without a money deposit. The best is the one located at 47th St., between Second and Third Avenues, very close to the U.N. and to the airport bus terminal.

   - There is the Pickwick Arms Hotel, located on 51st St., between Second and Third Avs. Prices begin at about $40 p. night with shower, TV and telephone. Walking distance from the UN. Safe area.

4. You may also find useful info about accomodation and costs in NYC from your local travel agency or tourist bureau.

5. I advise all concerned to arrive two days in advance.

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